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Executive Kittleman applauds emergency legislative session to address permit fees

ELLCOTT CITY, MD – Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman today applauded the County Council for scheduling an emergency legislative session to hear CB58-2016, legislation waiving permit fees for those impacted by the flash flooding that devastated Ellicott City's Main Street on July 30, 2016. The session will occur Monday, August 15, 2016 at noon in the Bancker Room of the George Howard Building in Ellicott City.

"As we go about the process of rebuilding Ellicott City, we want to encourage these property owners and let them know that we're here to help them," said Kittleman. "The last thing they need to struggle with is paying more fees as they recover from the flooding."

Cosponsored by Council Vice-Chair Jon Weinstein, who represents Ellicott City, and his four Council colleagues, the legislation waives fees for a wide variety of permits including electrical, plumbing, utilities, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and water and sewer service for property and business owners affected by the flood. The bill would be retroactive to August 1, and fees for those impacted would be waived through October 31, 2016.

"These property owners are facing considerable hardships because of the flooding, and passage of this legislation will provide them with some financial relief," said Kittleman. "I truly appreciate all five Councilmember's quick action to make this possible."

A complete list of fees to be waived can be found at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=53FDOez84Vo%3d&portalid=0>

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